

# Council Deals with Development Plans, Election Rules and Fees

by Sandy Smith

At the July 11 meeting, the Greenbelt City Council approved the conceptual site plan for redevelopment of Springhill Lake, supported a county method of financing infrastructure improvements as Greenbelt Station developments, started the process to make changes in election procedures in Greenbelt and voted to raise fees at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center to go into effect after Labor Day.

### Conceptual Site Plan

After months of discussion but with very little further review at this meeting, council approved the conceptual site plan for redevelopment of Springhill Lake. Only Councilmember Rodney Roberts voted against the plan, still calling for more open space and a larger proportion of sale units to reduce density in the development.

City Planner Terri Hruby walked council through the plan again. She said that developers of the Springhill Lake site, AIMCO (Apartment Investment and Management Company), had agreed to all of the city’s 35 conditions. City staff recommended approving the revised plan after the city’s concerns regarding public safety, traffic, housing choices, open space and recreation were ad-

ressed in this final version of the site plan.

However, Hruby said that many specifics would yet have to be dealt with as subsequent actual detailed plans are developed but she felt this set was a reasonable foundation upon which to proceed. Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmembers Leta Mach and Konrad Herling voted in favor of the conceptual site plan, stating that substantial progress had been made from the original plans and that it was time to move forward. (Councilmember Edward Putens was away.)

The conceptual site plan calls for demolition of the existing 2,899 housing units, with reconstruction of 5,800 dwelling units in a variety of housing types, styles and prices to meet the housing needs of a wide range of residents.

The 35 conditions negotiated over a number of months between the city and the developer call for a minimum of 25 percent of for-sale units, transportation within the development, support of transportation and road improvements in the area, recreation space and facilities and open space.

Still to be decided is the future of the Springhill Lake Recreation Center and the Springhill

Lake Elementary School. The Board of Education has agreed to let the plan go forward with the school property included, understanding that several questions remain unresolved regarding demolition of the existing elementary school. Similarly the city reserves the right to remove the recreation center from the project area.

The conceptual site plan is scheduled to be considered by the Prince George’s County Planning Board on July 28. Since there is no guarantee that the county will include all of the city’s conditions of approval in their action, the city has asked AIMCO to submit a letter of acceptance indicating agreement with the city’s conditions of approval.

### Greenbelt Station

Council unanimously approved for second reading and adoption a resolution to express the city’s support for Prince George’s County to create a tax increment financing (TIF) district at Greenbelt Station. A TIF is a method of providing financing for public infrastructure improvements related to Greenbelt Station by setting aside a portion of the increased property values as the

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# Governor's Support Speeds ICC; P.G. County Leaders Opposed

by Elaine Skolnik

Despite Prince George’s County Council’s longstanding opposition to building the east-west Intercounty Connector (ICC) from I-270 to I-95, Maryland Governor Robert Ehrlich announced on July 11 that the state was making a choice for the preferred alternative. This is the 18-mile southern Master Plan route which is estimated to cost \$3 billion (including financing).

This route not only links the preferred ICC from I-270 to I-95 but extends easterly to U.S. Route 1 (Baltimore Avenue) in Prince George’s County. Presumably this extension and other alignment changes would bring the ICC closer to proposed planned development on Konterra’s 2,300 acres, 475 acres of which have been annexed by the City of Laurel. Most of Konterra is in an unincorporated area south of Laurel.

During the almost two-year State Highway Administration (SHA) study period, the Laurel City Council passed a resolution (November 24, 2003) supporting the southern Master Plan alignment extension of the ICC from I-95 to Baltimore Avenue that

would enable an eventual link-up to Kenilworth Avenue extended. The Laurel Council also supports construction of a proposed interchange with I-95 somewhere near Muirkirk Road.

Laurel’s council specifically further endorsed construction of an extension of Kenilworth Avenue to connect with the Contee Road interchange and allow secondary access to Van Dusen Road in Laurel. In this way, better access would be provided to the proposed Konterra Town Center and would allow secondary access to motorists wishing to continue northerly along Van Dusen Road into Laurel.

### Greenbelt

This action by Laurel was contrary to the City of Greenbelt’s position and that of College Park and Bowie, all of whom are concerned with potential negative impacts from constructing the ICC. For decades, Greenbelt City Councils have vigorously opposed the ICC. They feared that construction of the ICC, combined with any extension into Prince George’s County that could eventually link up with a widened

Kenilworth Avenue Extended (Edmonston Road), would have a huge adverse impact on Greenbelt.

In her November 19, 2004, letter to Maryland Department of Transportation Secretary Robert Flanagan, Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis said: “The ICC represents a large expenditure of funds for a project that will have significant environmental costs, while doing very little to improve the region’s congestion problems.” She added that the ICC’s price tag “would drain funds from other more worthwhile projects.”

### Others

According to Brian Henry of the Audubon Naturalist Society, some worthwhile projects that would have to get in line behind the ICC include the Purple Line linking Silver Spring to New Carrollton; the Corridor Cities Transitway, also light rail, connecting Shady Grove to Clarksburg; the location of more homes and jobs around Metro stations to reduce commutes and reliance on automobiles; and

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# Planners, Citizens Gather To Hear SHL Charette Ideas

by Virginia Beauchamp

The charette, a free-wheeling design workshop, is an intense collaborative planning session. Within the course of a day or two or more, assorted participants – architects, landscapers, engineers, knowledgeable citizens – meet. Working together, they create plans for a particular use or reorganization of urban space.

Anyone can feel free to toss out ideas, some perhaps to be picked up and embellished by others in the room; some to be rejected. At one level anything goes – the more creative the ideas, the better.

On Wednesday, July 13 a number of Greenbelters were invited to lunch and to share results after the first two days in the second planning charette in the city’s history. For this new one, AIMCO (Apartment Investment and Management Company), owners of the 157-acre Springhill Lake apartment complex, had gathered together a group of ar-

chitects, a landscape architect and others to work out ideas for redevelopment of the complex. Their goal was to plan for a totally new community based on the concept, as they put it, of a traditional neighborhood.

Conducted by Andres Duany of Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company, the charette included architects Michael Graves, Robert Stern, RTKL, John Reagan and Steve Mouzon. Graves and Stern, according to the AIMCO invitation, are “world famous.”

Other participants were county and city elected officials, community leaders and members of business and civic groups.

The working buffet lunch was held in a large ground-floor room at the Sheraton College Park Hotel on Powder Mill Road in Beltsville. Invitees sat at round, cloth-covered tables near the front of the room, the better to

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# “Central Park” Is to Be A Key Feature of New SHL

by Edith Beauchamp

When it was built in the early 1960s, Springhill Lake was the largest apartment project on the East Coast built by one developer. “The entire city of Georgetown would fit within Springhill Lake,” according to renowned planner, Andres Duany of Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company. He emceed a presentation made at a July 13 luncheon held as part of a designers charette to help determine the future reconstruction of the Springhill Lake complex. Duany predicted that the scope and scale of the new project would become one of the “hottest” developments in the metro Washington area for some time.

The “lucky” configuration of the 157-acre property, with the existing natural flow of water, and bounded by the Greenbelt Metro and the Beltway, make this property ideal, he said, for a higher density development.

A large park, which Duany described as “Central Park,” would abut the Greenbelt Metro property leading from Cherry-

wood Lane and some of the more desirable units would front this park, somewhat like Fifth Avenue in New York City. A large lighted walkway could be built through the center of the park to the Metro destination.

Duany hopes also to coordinate with the developers of the Greenbelt Station shopping mall, because both developments should complement one another. “They haven’t returned our phone calls,” he said.

He was very pleased that the owners of Beltway Plaza have already designed plans to restructure that mall to turn around its main facade to face the new Springhill Lake project and change the entire look and style of the mall to work with the new development.

### Towers

Three-tower high-rise buildings would be located on the property perimeter against the Beltway and opposite the commercial high-rises of Capital

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## What Goes On

**Sunday, July 24 and Monday, July 25**

**9 a.m. to 2 p.m.,** Passholders and Residents Open Registration, Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center

**Wednesday, July 27**

**8 p.m.,** Council Worksession with BARC (Stakeholder), Community Center

**Friday, July 29**

**2:30 p.m.,** Bill Wellington’s World of Folklore for Families, Community Center

**Saturday, July 30**

**9 a.m. to noon,** Electronic Recycling, Buddy Attick Park.



# Festival Notes

**Fundraising Activities**

Fundraising activities are continuing and will be ongoing throughout the summer. The next bake sale will be held outside the Co-op on Saturday, July 23. Raffle tickets for \$200 worth of Co-op groceries and raffle tickets for a 50/50 drawing are on sale now. The drawings will be held on Monday, September 5 at the Festival. Orders for Gianni pizzas and other edible items are being taken and can be placed at the bake sales. Delivery will be the second week of August. Special collectible, commemorative T-shirts are also for sale. The very popular green tie-dye is available in most sizes. The grey style T-shirt is available in a few sizes. All of these items are available at the bake sales and can also be purchased by calling Patti Brothers at 301-982-2312.

**Yard Sale**

Donations are still being accepted for the Festival's yard sale which will be held on Saturday, July 30 in Roosevelt Center. The sale starts at 9 am. In the event of rain, the yard sale will be held on Saturday, August 6. This is a very large money maker for the Festival and all donations are welcome. Arrangements can be made for donation pickups. The items can also be dropped off the morning of the sale. Call Patti Brothers for information.

**Carnival Booths**

Carnival booths are available to all community groups. There are still a few booths left for interested groups. A booth is a great opportunity to earn extra income as well as making Festival goers aware of the group's existence. Booths must be staffed all weekend – from Friday through Monday. Letters to groups that had booths in the past have been sent out. Call John or Gloria Winfrey at 301-345-3794 if you are a past participant and have not received your letter or if you are a new group and are interested in having a booth this year.

**Information Day**


Saturday, September 3, is Information Day. All groups are invited to participate, as this day provides them with an opportunity to share their cause, mission, or product (no sales are permitted though) with Festival goers. Letters have gone out to past participants. Groups can bring their own tables (for a small fee) and can stay all day or the Festival can provide groups with tables (for a slightly higher fee). If this is done, the group can only stay until approximately 4 pm. Contact Dave Pitts at 301-345-9605 if you have not received your letter or if you are interested in having a table at Information Day. The application form is also available on the Festival's website.

**Talent Show**

There is still plenty of time to sign up for the annual Labor Day Festival Talent Show. The Talent Show is on Saturday, September 3, at 6:00 pm and is currently seeking all types of entertainers - singers, dancers, musicians and more! Call Dennis Lewis at 301-577-1718 to discuss participation in this year's talent show.

**Art and Photo Shows**

It is not too early to be considering submissions for the Art and Photo Shows. Further Festival Notes will have more information - but further information



can now be obtained by calling Barbara Simon about the Art Show 301-474-2192 or Keith Zevallos about the Photo Show 301-345-9696.

**Craft Show**

The festival will host its first festival-sponsored craft show this year. The show will take place on Sunday, September 4 in Roosevelt Center. This is not a juried craft show. Call Patti Brothers for more information or send an e-mail to the Festival (the e-mail address can be obtained by accessing the Festival website.)

**Parade**

Parade Chairperson Linda Ivy is currently taking applications for this year's parade. All types of groups are invited to participate in this unique event. Contact Lindaivy@aol.com. Applications are also available on our website.

**Outstanding Citizen**

Nominations for this year's Outstanding Citizen will be accepted until August 8. The nomination form can be found in this edition of the News Review. If you know someone who deserves this special recognition, please mail in the nomination form.

**Contributions**


Area businesses who would like to contribute to the Festival and be recognized for their contributions can call Patti Brothers at 301-982-2312. The success of the Festival is directly related to the monetary support it gets from area businesses. Letters have gone out to past contributors and possible new ones.

**Shuttle Service**

The shuttle service is seeking drivers for the various shifts. Individuals can sign up for one or more shifts. Call Lester Whitmer for information 301-345-8897.


**Volunteers**

Volunteers are still needed to assist with this year's Festival - in all areas. Call Patti Brothers at 301-982-2312 for more information.



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## AUDITIONS FOR ...



The **LAST** of the **RED HOT LOVERS**

by *Neil Simon*

Directed by *Lenora Dernoga*

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on Monday and Tuesday, August 1-2 at 7:30pm.  
Show dates are October 14 - November 5.  
Characters are  
**Barney Cashman:** Age 40-55, nice, loveable guy;  
**Elaine:** Age 30-45, brash, unemotional sexpot;  
**Bobbi:** Age 25-45, psychotic would-be actress;  
**Jeanette:** Age. 35-55, prudish, depressed.

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**Discount Rides**

Vouchers for discounts on carnival ride wristbands will be going on sale on August 1 at the Greenbelt Coop. Vouchers are purchased, in advance, for less than the regular price of the wristband and then turned in at the ticket booths at the Festival for a full-price wristband. Call Patti Brothers for more information.

**Website**

The Festival website is [www.greenbelt.com/laborday](http://www.greenbelt.com/laborday). The site is updated regularly and currently has the tentative schedule on it – as well as Committee members, status of the different activities and sponsors/contributors. The Festival can also be e-mailed through the website. This is a good way to contact the Festival in general.

**Miss Greenbelt**

Practices and meetings for the Miss Greenbelt Pageant are well underway. This year's pageant promises to be the best ever! While three new misses will be announced, the Pageant coordinators are trying to locate the following prior winners:

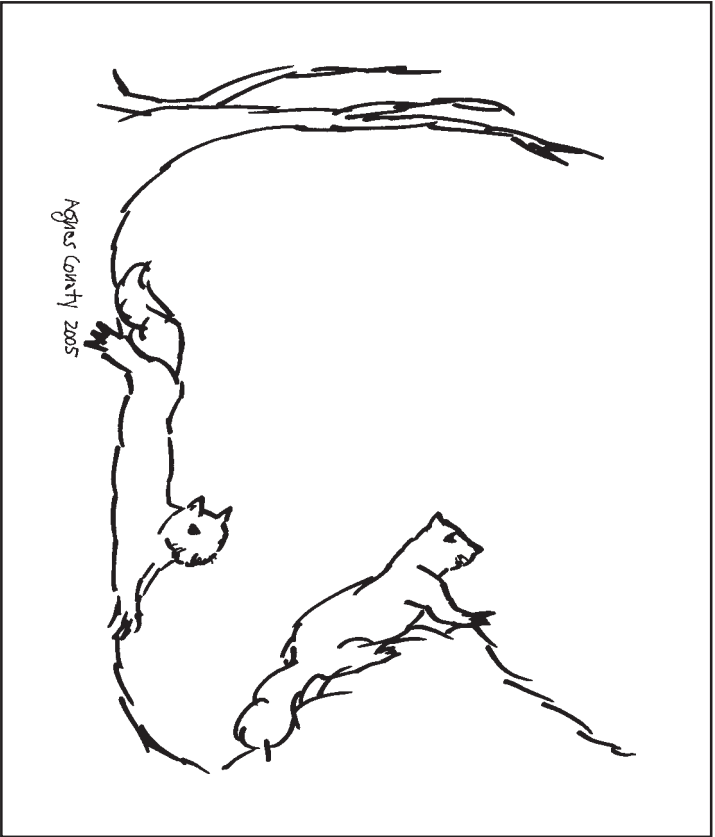
1957 Katheleen (Madden) Dunleavy; 1958 Harriet (Clinedinst) McDonald; 1959 Pat (Moore) Mancuso; 1962 Jane (Brooks) Duval; 1963 Mary (DeMarzo) Funk; 1964 Carolyn (Finley) Flynn; 1966 Claudia (Kennedy) Zell; 1967 Doris (Maffay) Freemyer; 1968 Donna (Austin) Parish; 1969 Deborah (Freeman) Kirby; 1971 Beverly Goulart; 1975 Robyn Davis; 1976 Kathy Braddock; 1978 Connie (Becraft) Coleman; 1979 Cathy Clark; 1980 Amanda (Green) Hogan; 1982 Elizabeth (Greig) Moore and 1992 Jennifer Fraser.

Natasha Jewell, Pageant Coordinator, 301-352-8665 can be contacted with current information on any of the above individuals.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Festival Committee is Tuesday, August 2 at 7:30 pm at the Community Center. Individuals interested in volunteering are invited to attend this meeting.

### Grin Belt



Agnes Conaty 2005

AGNES CONATY ©2005

"The recycling truck collected our yard waste for MURF, including my old cell phone and PDA!"

On Screen

## Penguins Keep Cool

Just in time for summer's heat and humidity, "March of the Penguins" opens at Old Greenbelt Theatre Friday, July 22. Narrated by Morgan Freeman, the French-made documentary tracks thousands of emperor penguins flipper-footing some 70 miles in coldest Antarctica (where 58 degrees below zero is a high reading and winds can top 100 mph) all to breed and give birth to one young'un per couple – after poppa has balanced and protected that egg on his person. Cute touches surface here and there but the seriousness of the matter at hand (or flipper) is tellingly portrayed. We see how hard nature and nurture have to work against extreme elements and long odds to keep penguins going.

– *Eli Flam*

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# Community Events

## Folklore Musician Is Summer Performer

On Friday, July 29 at 2:30 p.m. there will be a free family-friendly performance at the Community Center by Bill Wellington's World of Folklore. Join the crowd for this "Radio WOOF (World of Folklore) event," sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department.



Bill Wellington

Wellington's Radio WOOF concerts are a celebration of family, folklore and fun with music, song, and story. Wellington offers high-energy banjo, fiddle and guitar playing and his zany antics make everyone laugh out loud. He entertains young and old.

One of the features of this program is the positive impact of Wellington's songs on children. According to Booklist, Wellington "... relates to the world of children in a childlike way, giving listeners a fun way to learn about behavior through wacky music and amusing lyrics."

Wellington's sense of humor is also appealing to adults. Songs like "Gnarly Roadrash," "Grounded," "Stay Outta My Room," "Cafeteria Food" and "How Could We Live Without TV?" take a wry look at everyday life to which all can relate.

Bill Wellington is a storyteller, folk musician, songwriter and dance caller who has entertained audiences throughout America for over 25 years. Born in Massachusetts on Christmas Day 1950, Wellington spent most of his early youth clad in the Superman outfit his mom made for him. Later on, after he realized he couldn't really fly, he took up bicycling, skiing and skating to attain satisfactory acceleration.

This is the last of the free Friday afternoon summer performances sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department. Look for listings of fall recreation classes and special events by Labor Day weekend. For more information on Greenbelt Recreation Department Arts programs, visit [www.greenbeltnmd.gov/ARTS](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/ARTS) or call Barbara Dickey Davis at 240-542-2062.

## GHI Notes

July 27 – Architecture & Environment Committee, 7:30 p.m., Board Room.

## Beijing Slideshow Offered July 26

On Tuesday, July 26 at 8 p.m. a digital slideshow and talk will take place in the Greenbelt Community Center Art Gallery. Local artist Barbara Tyroler's daughter Samm Tyroler-Cooper will talk about her work in Beijing involving Chinese migration practices. Joining her will be artist Ben Collier, who will show photographs he produced while in China.

Call Arts Coordinator Nicole De Wald at 301-397-2208 for information.

## Explore Mt. Rainier, Olympic Nat'l Parks

On Friday, July 29 the summer Explorations Unlimited travel video series continues with a film about the Mount Rainier and Olympic National Parks. The film starts in Mount Rainier National Park by tracing the fire-and-ice evolution that gave the mountain its character. Viewers will learn about jökulhlaups, the great flash floods created when Rainier's twin forces – volcanic heat and glacial colds – collide. Discover vistas and valleys, waterfalls and alpine meadows, bobcats, cougars, raccoons and other wildlife, followed by a climb to the summit of Mount Rainier.

At Olympic National Park the film visits the Hoh Rain Forest. Narrator Marilyn Lewis tells the story of her pioneer grandfather (the "Iron Man of Hoh") who carved a homestead out of the wilderness. The park's glacier-sculpted mountains and Marymere Falls, Soleduck Falls and Mount Olympus itself follow. Finally, one of the most dramatic stretches of wilderness coast in America is shown with its tide pools teeming with vibrant life.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Lounge. Everyone is welcome to attend. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.]

## At the Library

Monday, July 25, 6:30 p.m. – Just See a Cinema for teens 13 to 18. Read "Spider-Man 2" then see the film.

Tuesday, July 26, 10:30 a.m. – Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver. Limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, July 27, 10:30 a.m. – Toddletime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver. Limit 15.

2 p.m. – Reptile World. Ages 6 to 12.

Thursday, July 28. 10:30 a.m. – Drop-in Storytime, ages 3 to 5 years. Limit 29.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

President Bill Souser opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the pledge to the flag.

Neal Ewen was the greeter for the day. It's nice to meet and greet our new members at the door.

Thanks to Frank Coorsen for volunteering to be second vice president.

Condolences to the family of Marjorie Greenberg. She was a new member and we didn't know her very well but we are saddened by the loss of one of our members.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of our members who are ill at this time.

## If You Saw It Here

The expenses of this newspaper are paid out of advertising revenues. Readers can help the paper by letting our advertisers know that they saw the ad in The Greenbelt News Review.

## Art Exhibit Opens At New Deal Café

The public is invited to the opening reception of the art exhibit, "Nature Walks Along Greenbelt Lake," Paintings and Photographs of Agnes Pasco Conaty. It will be held at the New Deal Café on Sunday, August 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 301-982-9246.

## Greenbelters Rave At Opera Sampler

by Agnes Conaty

The Greenbelt Recreation Department presented "Operas to Make You Laugh," a free performance for all ages, on Friday, July 15 at 2:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center gymnasium. Soprano Yvette Lewis enthralled the audience, composed predominantly of youngsters, with her easy to understand concepts of what an opera is all about, without intimidating foreign terms. With great ease, she explained the difference between a conductor, a soloist, a chorus and an orchestra.

The young audience enjoyed participating as part of the xylophone orchestra or part of the chorus, complete with gestures. Lewis, with her powerful singing of operatic tunes, wrapped up her performance with an amusing love story to emphasize that opera is a form of storytelling and can be so much fun to learn.

Lewis, who is a lyric soprano, has performed with the Baltimore Symphony, the Washington Opera and the Opera Theatre of Northern Virginia, among others. A former elementary school music teacher, Lewis has taught for 10 years in Baltimore City and Montgomery County schools. She loves performing the program, which she developed more than 12 years ago and presents about 200 times a year.



PHOTO BY AGNES CONATY

Yvonne Lewis conducts a young xylophone orchestra and an enthusiastic chorus at "Operas to Make You Laugh."

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE Week of JULY 22 MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G)

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Saturday  
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Sunday  
\*1:45, \*3:40, \*5:35, 7:30

Monday - Thursday  
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## Parent Meeting At Greenbelt Elem.

Greenbelt Elementary School will hold an open discussion meeting on Wed., July 27 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Media center. The topic will be "TAG (talented and gifted) in the regular classroom." All interested parents, both those with TAG-identified students and non-TAG-identified students, are encouraged to attend. For information contact 301 513-5911.

## Three Mile Island Revisited

A film about nuclear power & Vieques:  
**Paradise Lost**  
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Please help the Outstanding Citizen Committee find the next outstanding citizen.

Submit your nomination for that person whose volunteer service to our community has made him or her your choice to be the Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen of 2005.



**Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, Inc.**

**NOMINATION FORM**  
**Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen**

Submit this form or a letter by Monday, August 8, to:

Robert Zugby, Chair  
94 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated By:  
Name(s) (please print) Signature(s) Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a statement (preferably printed or typed) which explains why the nominee deserves recognition as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. Possible subjects include a list of organizations or activities in which the nominee has participated, including length of time; specific accomplishments during each period of service; the impact on Greenbelt or on people within the city; and personal qualities which make the nominee special. Award is for volunteer (unpaid) work only. Supporting printed material will be accepted but is not required. Testimonials by others as to the person's good works will be helpful.

The more information you can provide the committee the better.

*Note: All nominators must sign. Use separate sheet if necessary.*



# Muslim Homeschoolers Host Empty Bowls Fundraising Project

by Shamla K. Shakir

Parents, children and friends of the Islamic center of Dar-us-Salaam in College Park huddled around a table laden with colorful bowls on Saturday, June 25, taking their time to pick out a favorite. Inside each bowl was a small slip of paper with a written reminder of the real purpose of the evening: "This Empty Bowls Project is part of a larger national effort to combat hunger."

The Empty Bowls Project, promoted by Imagine/RENDER Group, raises money for food banks, soup kitchens and other organizations to fight hunger. The idea is to distribute ceramic bowls during a simple dinner to raise money as a reminder of the "empty bowls" around the world.

The bowls on this night had been painted by children (and some parents) of the Islamic HomeSchoolers of Al-Huda Network (Al-IHSAN) at the Greenbelt Community Center's ceramic studio, with the help of Greenbelt Pottery, Inc. and Artist-in-residence Pam Hagerhorst.

One of Al-IHSAN's members, 15-year-old Sarah Ali, painted four bowls for the project. "I think it's a good opportunity," she said about the project, adding that "it is important to stress issues of hunger and homelessness in the community."

Other members were more concerned with how the bowls were made. "First I learned how to paint the bowls, then I painted them," Muhammed Gueye, 5, carefully explained. He displayed three of his shiny black and brown bowls.

His mother Sakinah Kaiser also painted a couple of bowls herself. "It's an excellent way for children to learn about ceramics and help others," she said.

Many of the evening's supplies, including food items, were donated by local Greenbelt businesses: Giant Food, Safeway in Greenway Center and Atlanta Bread Company. Families of Al-IHSAN put together a menu of soup, salad and bread.

Proceeds from the night, including the money raised by a silent auction that included several of Hagerhorst's donations, went to the Dar-us-Salaam Zakat Foundation Supplemental Food Program. Zakat is the money that Muslims must set aside each year to give to those in need.

"I think it's a great project. It's part of our own responsibility as Muslims to help the needy, wherever they are and whoever they are," said Dar-us-Salaam Imam Safi Khan who attended the event. "It's something we want to teach our kids. We want to develop their spirit of altruism."

He added that the mission of Dar-us-Salaam, which serves many Muslims in the Greenbelt area, is "to work with other people and to help the community at large – not only Muslims but non-Muslims as well."

**Organizer**  
Lynn Eppard, graphic designer for the News Review and one of the people who organized the event, said that she got the idea from an Empty Bowls Project held by the Greenbelt Community Church and the Greenbelt Pottery group this past spring.

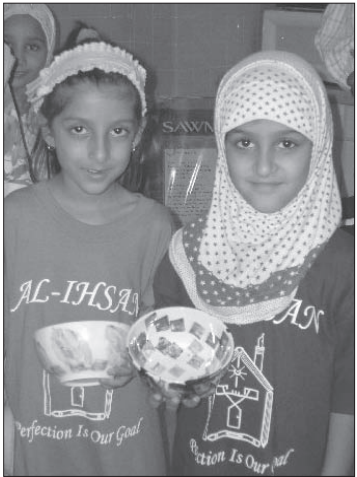
According to Eppard, Dar-us-Salaam was eager to support the



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**Sisters Afaaf, 5, and Amarah Ahmed, 6, (above) and Sakinah Abdul-Wakil, 5, (below) show some of their favorite bowls at the fundraising dinner. Over \$1,700 was donated to a food program.**



PHOTOS BY FAZILA SHAKIR

Empty Bowls Project because donations have been waning since 9/11.

The children of Al-IHSAN benefited from the Empty Bowls Project as well, she said. "The kids got the benefit of participating in an art project, a dawah [spreading the word of Islam] project, doing teamwork and the opportunity to give charity to those in need."

Eppard said that Al-IHSAN is a group of homeschooled children and families who get support from each other. The organization serves the entire Baltimore/Washington area and the children meet weekly to participate education projects that "make them feel good about their Islamic identity."

Eppard believes that home schooling can give children a much broader education than traditional schooling. "If you learn that learning can take place everywhere, everywhere, everything can

**Above, John Norden, manager of the Greenbelt Ceramics Studio, assists the children, who ranged in age from 5 to 15 and were responsible for painting 12 dozen bowls. At left, Pam Hagerhorst of Greenbelt Pottery, Inc. instructs a very attentive Hiba Abdul Mumin, 8.**



PHOTOS BY PAM HAGERHORST

**Muhammad Gueye, 5, also painted bowls on behalf of his two younger sisters who were too young to join the group themselves.**



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**Yusuf Abdul-Wakil, 8, concentrates as he puts on the finishing touches of his bowl.**

be a learning experience." As for the event, she said it was a huge success. "We're very happy with the turnout and the tickets sold very fast," Eppard said. The fundraiser far exceeded initial expectations and provided over \$1,700 to the supplemental food program. "I think people were also amazed at just how beautiful the bowls are."

## Third Marines Plan Reunion

The Third Marine Division Association will hold its annual family reunion August 16 through 21 in Arlington at the Sheraton National Hotel.


Anyone who served in, was attached to, or served in support of the Third Marine Division at any time since it was formed on September 16, 1942, is eligible to attend. For membership and reunion information, call Sergeant Major Bill Krueger, USMC, Ret., at 703-451-3844 or visit the web

site at [www.caltrap.com](http://www.caltrap.com).

## Baha'i Faith


21st annual Baha'i summer school held at Frostburg State University August 4-7. A weekend of study, fellowship, entertainment. The public is welcome. Details at [www.dayspringbahaischool.org](http://www.dayspringbahaischool.org).

**Greenbelt Baha'i Community**  
P.O. Box 245  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-345-2918 301-220-3160  
[www.bahai.org/www.us.bahai.org](http://www.bahai.org/www.us.bahai.org)




**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**  
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
301-474-9410 [www.gbgbm-umc.org/mowatt](http://www.gbgbm-umc.org/mowatt)

**Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor**  
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301-474-4322


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Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.  
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.  
Pastor: Fr. Walter J. Tappe  
Pastoral Associate: Fr. R. Scott Hurd



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**St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church**  
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(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | [rector@stgeo.org](mailto:rector@stgeo.org) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)

<b>Sundays:</b>	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am  1:30 pm	Simple, quiet Mass Christian education for all ages Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	7:00 pm	Simple, quiet Mass


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**Catholic Community of Greenbelt**

SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

SERVE BREAKFAST  
AT S.O.M.E.  
Sunday, July 31, 2005

Meet at St. Hugh's School  
Parking Lot, 6:00 AM



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To learn more about the morality taught by Islam, contact us by email at [searchislam@mail.com](mailto:searchislam@mail.com) or by phone at 301-982-9463 or visit [www.learnaboutislam.com](http://www.learnaboutislam.com).



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transit improvements.

Bowie, however, is opposed only to construction of the ICC east of I-95. That city took no position on the remainder of the highway. Its council fears funneling of traffic from the ICC along Maryland Route 197, the Laurel-Bowie Road, into Bowie.

College Park strongly opposes building the highway. It is particularly concerned about impact on streams that flow through the city.

According to a press release on June 10, 2003, the Prince George's County Council voted unanimously to approve CR-32-2003, a resolution expressing opposition to construction of the ICC. (Two members were not present.) Among the ICC opponents were Councilmembers Douglas J.J. Peters, who represents the Greenbelt-Bowie district, and Thomas E. Dernoga and Thomas Hendershot, who represent Greenbelt's neighboring jurisdictions.

The Prince George's County Council believes that the ICC will draw economic and investment jobs out of Prince George's County to Montgomery County and the I-270 corridor. The council noted at the time that both a Transportation Solutions Group and the SHA found the ICC will not relieve Beltway traffic in any significant way and would leave many intersections at both ends of the super highway – I-95 and I-270 – badly congested. The county council also declared that the Master Plan alignment of the ICC would cause severe environmental impacts.

Dernoga expressed his "disappointment that the governor is moving forward, because squandering limited fiscal resources for no real transportation gain, while undermining Prince George's County's economy and damaging the Anacostia River in Prince George's County, (along with) no money for secondary road improvements in the county, will lead to congestion and undermine any economic gains and impact the quality of life. Everybody in Maryland will be paying for this toll road to occur."

(James Giese also contributed to this article.)

## Community Walks Continue July 30

Join the Freestate Happy Wanderers and the Columbia Volksmarch Club at their community walk on July 30. Start at Nightmare Graphics in Columbia between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. and finish by 4 p.m. Shop for bargains at the "OOPS" sale before the walk at the parking lot bazaar.

For details contact 410-437-2164 or 410-290-6510 or email [wahasse@ix.netcom.com](mailto:wahasse@ix.netcom.com) or visit <http://www.ava.org/clubs/freestate>.

**Labor Day Festival Used Book Sale**

Raising funds for:  
**Greenbelt Elementary School PTA**

Book donation drop-off at  
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August 1 to August 31  
Large donation pickup available  
For information call  
301-306-0070



# City Information

**GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER**

**Weekday Children's Swimming Lessons**

**SUMMER SESSION IV**

July 26 – 29 and August 2-5

**Passholders and Residents Register**

Saturday, July 23

**Open Registration: Sunday**

Sun., July 24 & Mon., July 25

Register in person at the GAFC between 9:00am and 2:00pm ONLY!!

FOR INFORMATION ON CLASSES, VISIT [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

**The GAFC will host a swim meet on Saturday, July 23rd.**

**The Outdoor Pool will open at 1:00pm on that day.**

The meet originally scheduled for July 30 has been cancelled.

**GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71**

**MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, July 26 & 28: 10am & 6pm** "Ask the Expert-Managing Clutter," **6:30pm** "Camp Pine Tree Talent Show."

**PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, July 27 & 29: 7pm** "Future View: Metaphysical Space Cleaning," **7:30pm** PGCC Jazz Ensemble, **8:30pm:** Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition.

**OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

**Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.**

**Vacancies exist on the:**

- Advisory Committee on Education**
- Employee Relations Board**
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board**

**For more information, please call 301-474-8000.**

**VISIT GREENBELT'S NEW WEBSITE AT [WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV](http://WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV)**

**Meetings for July 18-22**

**Wednesday, July 27, 8:00pm, Council Work Session,** with BARC (stakeholder), Community Center.

**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING**

**Saturday, July 30, 2005**

**9am-12noon at Buddy Attick Park**

City residents, businesses and organizations can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items.

**Accepted Items Include:** *central processing units, hard drives, monitors, keyboards, printers and copiers, laptop computers, computer speakers, scanners, computer mice, software, recording equipment, cameras, telephones, radios, other small electronic equipment* (NO TELEVISIONS OR LARGE STEREO UNITS)

Also... Trade in your old mercury fever thermometer and receive a new FREE digital thermometer!

**For further information, contact the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office 301-474-8308**

**Family Friendly Performance:**

**Bill Wellington's World of Folklore**

**Friday, July 29, 2:30pm**

**For information, call 301-397-2208**

FREE ~ Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

Bill Wellington's Radio WOOF concerts are a celebration of family, folklore, and fun with music, song, and story. Bill's high-energy banjo, fiddle, and guitar playing are irresistible, and his zany antics make everyone laugh out loud. Bill entertains young and old in a marvelous way.

Sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department, this performance is open to the general public and all ages are welcome.

**Notice of Amendment to the City Charter Change in Eligibility to Vote by Absentee Ballot**

At its July 11, 2005, meeting, the City Council adopted a resolution to amend Sec. 27 of the City Charter. The charter amendment resolution will become effective on August 30, 2005, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law.

**Charter Amendment Resolution 2005-1**

*A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article 11E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1957 Edition as Amended), Title, "Corporation-Municipal," Subtitle "Home Rule" to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Reference Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Repealing and Reenacting with Amendments Section 27, Titled "Absentee Voting" to Expand Eligibility for Absentee Voting*

The resolution will make the following change to the charter on "Absentee Voting":

**Existing Text:** Any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt, by reason of religious beliefs, physical condition or absence from the city on the day of an election, may vote by absentee ballot. The procedures for applying for an absentee ballot, for casting the ballots, and counting it shall be established by ordinance.

**Amended Text:** Any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may vote by absentee ballot. The procedures for applying for, casting, and counting absentee ballots shall be established by ordinance.

The purpose of the change is to give an additional option to voters and thereby make it easier to vote in municipal elections. Voters who are not able to come to the polls on Election Day may still vote absentee, just as before. Voters who prefer to come to their polling place on Election Day and use a voting machine may still do so, just as before. But any voter may now choose to vote absentee, since it is no longer required that one provide a reason or excuse for doing so.

As required by Maryland law, this resolution will be posted in its entirety for 40 days, until August 20, 2005, at the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road. It can also be found on the Greenbelt CityLink Web site at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov>. A copy may also be requested from the City Clerk.

For additional information, call or e-mail Kathleen Gallagher, at 301-474-8000 or [kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov).



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see displays of drawings, photographs and posters hung on the front wall.

Behind these tables in the rear were large rectangular worktables strewn with papers and drawing supplies. As we ate, one designer or another would come forward to point out features in the developing plan.

### Lake as Center

Central to the design would be conversion of the low-lying area where the Springhill Lake Elementary School is located into a lake with parkland and waterfront properties. (Such a change will require agreement by the Prince George’s County school system to tear down the present school and rebuild it at a new site on the school bus lot. The low-lying land of the present school has been subject to flooding.)

The new school and a new, adjacent middle school on the site of Greenbelt Middle School would anchor the development along Greenbelt and Edmonston Roads.

Because utility lines currently run along and below the roadways in the present Springhill Lake complex, the designers plan to preserve the street layout.

A major change, however, would be construction of two tall gateway towers, 18 stories high. These would be set at right angles to each other near the Beltway, together with a somewhat lower high-rise, the three totalling over 900 apartment units. (These would overlook the tall office buildings and Marriott Hotel across the Beltway in Capital Office Park.)

The two tallest buildings were originally planned with a height of 11 stories. But only three hours before the luncheon presentation, architect Robert Stern deemed that height not to be economically viable. So charette participants tore up some of their drawings to create new ones showing 18-story buildings and an architectural model in clay was being resculpted as the invited guests entered the room.

Such is the way ideas brought forward in a charette can veer off in new directions as thinking changes.

The new buildings would stand visible above the trees throughout the present Springhill Lake development. As much as possible these trees would be left intact. A parking garage to serve the buildings would stand adjacent to the Beltway.

### Variety

Following specifications exacted by the city, a variety of housing types would be constructed. Although individual contractors may carry out particular segments or blocks of the proposed development, they would have to follow the design plans and floor plans already laid out, though they might put their own spin on exterior materials and façades.

For example, a series of townhouses is envisioned consisting of lofts above residential spaces for working tenants. Something nicknamed “a Texas donut,” five-story buildings surrounding a parking garage, will be sited elsewhere. (Greenbelters already became acquainted with this nomenclature concerning development plans for the Greenbelt Convalescent Center site near the city center.)

Duany joked that a new name was needed; he suggested “perimeter blocks.” He also described apartment buildings “the size of McMansions” – each with four or five apartments, something like “urban villas,” he said.

Another residential type would be row houses with garages located behind them on alleys. Housing heights would “step down,” Duany said, from the high-rises to lower apartment buildings and then to townhouses. At another position backing to the Beltway would be wedge-shaped high-rises, each with 32 live/work units.

### Lake-wetlands

A natural connection would be the new lake on the elementary school site with the preserved state-owned wetlands along Indian Creek and east of the Metroland tract. Duany hoped to explore creation of a walking route across these wetlands to connect with the Metro station in a route he estimated would take six minutes to traverse.

So far, he said, he had been unable to contact any spokespersons for Metro.

### Build-out

Duany estimated that build-out of the development would take from six to 10 years. Contractors would start in the center of the property at the elementary school site. They would demolish existing buildings nearest that site and construct new buildings to take their place.

As these were occupied in turn, demolition and new construction would push out from that center so that residents al-

ready in place would be left in peace. AIMCO would take responsibility, Duany said, for relocating people as residences are demolished. Springhill Lake’s current retention rate is about 54 percent per year.

### Beltway Plaza

Present at the luncheon meeting was Marc “Kap” Kapistan, counsel for Quantum Management and owner/manager of Beltway Plaza. He had brought an architect’s design for a new northern section of the plaza to interface with the redesigned Springhill Lake along Breezewood Drive.

Previously Springhill Lake designers had proposed a series of rowhouses that would back up to that street, but Duany expressed excitement over possibilities for more creative designs to harmonize with this projected new development of residences and businesses that Kapistan described. Included would be a multiplex of theaters replacing those recently closed down. Residential /commercial possibilities for both sides of Breezewood Drive now appeared complementary.

### History

Though no one that afternoon mentioned Greenbelt’s place in planning history, local residents, immersed in Greenbelt’s history as the first planned community in the United States, could feel they were in familiar territory. Something like the excitement of this charette must have stirred the New Deal planners who first laid out the city along the crescent-shaped promontory that forms Ridge Road.

And then there was the first charette, held in 1985, when earlier residents, spurred by the suggestion of Konrad Herling to do something about the then-dilapidated Roosevelt Center mall, came up with renovation possibilities that later came to fruition.

The Greenbelt City Council had earlier taken a major step in response to the AIMCO Conceptual site plans. At its June 23 meeting, council established some 35 conditions prepared by the city’s planning staff, to all of which AIMCO officials had agreed.

Among these were that at least 25 percent of the total dwelling units would be developed for sale and that a minimum of 15,000 square feet in the community would be dedicated to commercial and retail service uses. Other conditions concerned parks and recreational uses, noise and traffic studies, bicycle lanes and street beautification.

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Office Park. Within the development, parking structures would be disguised, and while multiple architectural firms would be awarded different portions of the development, an overall theme would unify the property as well as possibly attempt to tie it architecturally to some of the best and most interesting features of Old Greenbelt, according to some of the designers.

Joseph De Tuno, senior vice president for redevelopment and construction services at AIMCO, stated that, “Usually you don’t bring the architects in until later to design the buildings after the permits have been pulled. But after the permits have been issued, you can’t redesign the property.” So his company authorized the week-long planning process that would include “elected officials, AIMCO, government and community leaders, business and civic groups and residents” to participate collaboratively in deciding the best use and best design for the property.

“The existing buildings were never designed to last more than 40 years,” De Tuno said, so his company has concluded that there is no possibility to renovate them effectively. However, the company plans to assist the existing tenants to relocate, and the length of the project phases will allow them to shift tenants among the apartments with moving incentives and assistance.

### Charette

The planning process, called a “charette,” is the second one undertaken in the City of Greenbelt. The first one in 1985, spearheaded by current city Councilmember Konrad Herling, was for the successful facelift of the Roosevelt Center mall property. Herling was an active participant in this Springhill Lake charette as well.

Herling was specifically concerned with providing adequate space for community-sponsored events, particularly surrounding the lake area, as well as adequate ballfields and other recreational space. Duany responded that the perimeter of “Central Park” could be designed to have sections of open space suitable for ball playing, frisbees, etc. and other more formalized ballfields could be built or school ballfields utilized as well.

“The City of Greenbelt needs to decide whether it wants more children or less, because the type of residential units that we build will help determine that,” Duany said. For example, loft apartments are not as conducive to children because they lack play space. More townhomes mean more children.

He recounted that the construction his firm designed for Kentlands in Gaithersburg has significant accommodations for children, but they find that kids today want paved surfaces for skateboards and bicycles and often play in the alleyways among the garages where they can open the doors to all their “stuff” and ride up and down on the pavement.

“We are familiar in Greenbelt with the skateboard issue,” stated Joyce Chestnut, a member of the Advisory Planning Board for the city.

Some of the designs submitted were influenced by the Kentlands experience. To some extent, according to Duany, “we try to reinforce the use of the land” as the residents begin to use it. For example, if children congregate in specific locations, playgrounds can be added. The designers had already discussed significant use of awnings along the lakefront properties to encourage café-style dining.

## Severe Blood Shortage; Donors Needed

Inventory of O+, O-, B- and A- blood is completely depleted and the Greater Chesapeake and Potomac Region of the Red Cross has been declared in a state of emergency. This shortage affects both local and national levels, straining the ability of the national system to shift blood products to different parts of the country as needed. Consequently, hospital orders are not currently being met, increasing the likelihood that blood will not be available for every patient in need. Blood donors are needed now. Appointments at all American Red

Cross blood donor centers and blood drives are available by calling 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. Platelet donors can schedule appointments by calling 1-800-272-2123.

Who can give blood? Donors must be in generally good health; be at least 17 years of age or, in the State of Maryland only, be 16 years old and have parental consent; weigh no less than 110 pounds; have not received a tattoo within the past year; and have not donated whole blood within the past 56 days.

For further information call 1-800-787-9282, ext. 4925.

## Next Peace & Justice Film Is a Double Feature

Next in the Progressive Film Series by Peace & Justice Coalition of Prince George’s County will be a double feature on Sunday, July 24 at 5 p.m. in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. The films will be “Three Mile Island Revisited” and “Vieques: Paradise Lost.”

Winner of several international awards, “Three Mile Island Revisited” was directed by Steve Jambeck, written by Karl Grossman, produced by EnviroVideo and Green Sphere Inc. in 1993. “Vieques: Paradise Lost” was produced by Marika Hoffman in 2003.

A discussion will follow the showing of the films and will be led by Michael Mariotte, director, Nuclear Information and Resource Service and/or Kevin Kamps of its Radioactive Waste Project,

along with Marika Hoffman, producer of the Vieques film.

The nuclear accident in Pennsylvania has been called “America’s Chernobyl.” Fourteen years after the core meltdown of the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant, this documentary uncovered its longterm medical effects, incomplete cleanup and ongoing danger of deadly emissions. The reporter interviews victims, many of whom filed suits for which the utility owner quietly awarded damages while mainstream media gave scant attention.

Now it is time to revisit the issue. The Senate has passed a bill to fund more nuclear power plants as part of the struggle against global warming. Most

agree there is a need for a widely available non-carbon energy source. But the Peace & Justice Coalition asks, “surely there are better alternative fuels?” This

film shows that nuclear energy is not truly a clean fuel. Runtime: 28 min.

The Vieques film also portrays the human consequences of a polluted environment. It details the struggle to decontaminate a Puerto Rican island and provide medical care for its people after 60 years of U.S. naval training and weapons testing. Runs 14 min. and previews an upcoming feature-length film.

Greenbelt Access Television will videotape the event to show later on local cable TV.



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Chef's Fresh Boneless Pork Loin Chops -or-Roast	\$2 <sup>99</sup> lb.	Chef's Fresh Beef Boneless New York Strip Steaks	\$6 <sup>99</sup> lb.
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# POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

**Handgun**  
July 12, 5 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a resident woman and a nonresident man were arrested and charged with transporting a handgun in a vehicle after police stopped them for an equipment violation. A computer check revealed that the driver did not have a license and the vehicle was impounded. Located in the vehicle was a loaded .40 caliber semiautomatic handgun. Both suspects were transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

**Drugs**  
July 9, 3:49 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a nonresident youth was arrested for possession of marijuana when police responded to a report of several people allegedly selling marijuana in an apartment parking lot. A group of people matching the description given was located and one was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

**Thefts**  
July 8, T.G.I.Friday's Restaurant, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with vehicle theft, theft and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the parking lot of the restaurant, with the suspect inside the restaurant. A computer check revealed that the vehicle, a 2000 Ford Taurus 4-door, had been reported stolen during a burglary. A short time later the man entered the vehicle and was arrested. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

July 9, Greenbelt Road and Walker Drive, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft when police responded to the scene of a motor vehicle accident. A computer check revealed that the tag on one of the vehicles had been reported stolen. The man was released on citation pending trial.

July 13, 11:49 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway, a resident youth and a nonresident youth were arrested for theft over \$500, theft under \$500, attempted theft and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Two nonresident youths were arrested for theft over \$500, theft under \$500, attempted theft, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and rogue and vagabond. Police responded to a report of a suspicious looking vehicle driving slowly through a parking lot, following behind two persons on foot looking inside vehicles. A computer check revealed that the vehicle, a 1992 Chrysler Town and Country van, had been reported stolen. Two youths were found to be in possession of tools commonly used to break into and steal vehicles. All four youths were arrested. They were released to parents pending action by the juvenile justice system.

**Trespass**  
July 14, 10 a.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, a nonresident youth was arrested for trespass when he was observed by security officers on the grounds of the mall after having been banned by agents of the property. He was released to

a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.  
**Fake ID**  
July 12, 2:10 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with two counts of possession of a false government identification document after police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. A computer check revealed that the driver had no license and further investigation revealed that the suspect was in possession of a fake Social Security card and a fake resident alien card. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

**Burglaries**  
July 10, 8 a.m., 8900 block Edmonston Road, an attempted commercial burglary was reported.  
July 11, 5:49 p.m., 7300 block Hanover Parkway, a commercial burglary was reported.  
July 11, 9:45 a.m., 7600 Hanover Parkway, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered the grounds of the Greenbriar Swimming Pool complex and removed unattended money.  
July 12, 9:29 a.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, a nonresident youth was arrested for burglary, trespass and malicious destruction after he was found staying in a vacant apartment. He was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

July 12, 4:16 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, it was reported that unknown person(s) attempted to enter a residence by cutting a window screen and breaking the window lock. Entry was not gained.

July 14, 7:43 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Court, it was reported that unknown person(s) used unknown means to force open the front door of a residence. Money was taken.

**Vehicle Crimes**  
Five vehicles were stolen: a 1995 Honda Accord 4-door from the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane; a 2002 Chrysler van from the 6100 block Springhill Drive; a 2003 Dodge Intrepid 4-door from the 6000 block Springhill Drive; a 2003 Dodge Stratus 4-door from the 9100 block Edmonston Court; and a green 1996 Dodge Neon 4-door, Maryland tags MWD439 from the 9100 block Springhill Lane.

One vehicle, a 1999 Buick Century 4-door was taken for unauthorized use from the 9100 block Springhill Lane.

Seven vehicles were recovered, all by other police departments. Arrests were made in two recoveries.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6200 block Breezewood Court, Breezewood Drive and Edmonston Road, 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, 9100 block Edmonston Court, 9100 block Edmonston Road, 9300 block Edmonston Road, 6400 block Ivy Lane, 1 Court Research Road, 7700 block Greenbelt Road, 7500 block Hanover Parkway, 7700 block Hanover Parkway, 7800 block Hanover Parkway (three incidents), 7200 block Mandan Road, 7700 block Mandan Road, 8100 Mandan Terrace and 7300 block Frankfort Court.

## ID Theft Bills Proposed

Maryland Attorney General J. Joseph Curran, Jr. announced today that he will introduce a legislative package during next year's legislative session to better protect Maryland citizens from the quickly growing problem of identity theft. According to the Federal Trade Commission, 40 percent of all complaints it receives now deal with identity theft and the state of Maryland ranks 13th among states in volume of identity theft complaints filed with the FTC. In the past months, there have been numerous security breaches of consumers' personal information; in one particular case, 40 million accounts were made vulnerable.

As part of this initiative, Curran will ask the General Assembly to enact two bills that he sought last session. Curran will propose a breach notification bill to require that companies notify consumers when their personal information has been breached so that they may take prompt action to protect themselves. The bill also would require companies to maintain adequate security for consumers' personal information, including encryption of personally identifiable information and destruction of information in a manner that prevents its use by identity thieves. The second bill is a security freeze bill that would allow consumers to instruct a credit bureau to restrict access to their credit reports to help prevent an identify thief from purchasing items in the victim's name or opening new credit accounts.

"The problem of identity theft and personal information being breached has gotten out of hand. I am outraged at the somewhat cavalier attitude of many businesses with regard to how they protect your personal information," says Attorney General Curran. He added, "these two bills are just a first step." Curran will hold an Identity Theft Forum in November, to which he will be inviting privacy experts, state legislators and Maryland citizens who have been victims of these types of breaches to examine other measures that should be considered to address the problem.

Curran said that while a task force to study identity theft established during the last legislative session was a good idea, there are measures needed to protect Maryland citizens that can and should be taken well before the task force issues its report in December 2006. Curran added that there is no guarantee that legislation being considered at the federal level will even be enacted let alone provide adequate protection for Maryland consumers.

## Marietta Offers Children's Program

Marietta House Museum presents "Kiddie Stories and Crafts for PreSchoolers" on Thursday, July 28 from 10-11:30 a.m. and on Sunday August 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. Minimum age to participate is two years old and the child must be accompanied by an adult. This will include traditional 19th century folk and fairy tales, crafts, music and refreshments. Reservations are required and there is a fee. Call 301-464-5291, TTY 301-699-2544 to register or for more information.

## National Night Out Will Be August 2


National Night Out (NNO) will be held on Tuesday evening, August 2. There was a nice turnout in 2004 and the Greenbelt Police Department is looking forward to meeting with citizens throughout Greenbelt again this year.

Several groups have already advised that they will participate in this year's NNO. Groups who want to participate should let the police know the times and locations of booths, tables and displays, etc., so that they will visit in a timely manner.

For information and/or assistance regarding NNO contact 240-542-2118 by phone or email gmathews@greenbeltmd.gov.

## Indictment Issued In Gaughan Murder

A Prince George's County grand jury has indicted Robert M. Billett for the shooting death of Sgt. Steven Gaughan. Billett is facing nine counts, including the murder of Gaughan and the attempted murder of two other officers also involved in the shootout, Michael Eubanks and Shawn Eubanks. Billett was also charged with several handgun counts.



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area develops.

These improvements could include parking garages, roads and roadway improvements, sewer and water extensions and the purchase of rights-of-way for roads. These funds would come from county revenues with no financial impact on the city.

Another Greenbelt Station related issue did not have a similar fate. After appeals from Berwyn Heights and College Park to defer action at this time on proposed county legislation to change requirements for public facilities for transportation in the Metro Planning Community zone, council deferred action to the August 8 council meeting.

Davis said that Greenbelt needed to support its neighboring cities and would not take up the issue at this time, despite appeals from the Greenbelt Station developers that they were 99.9 percent in agreement with Berwyn Heights and close to that with College Park.

Election Procedures

Any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may vote by absentee ballot if an amendment to the city charter approved by council is not challenged during the four weeks after it is announced. As required by state law, the amendment will be posted at the Municipal Building and on the city's website. If the resolution is not petitioned to referendum by the voters, it will take effect on August 30.

The current charter states that "any qualified voter who by reason of religious beliefs, physical conditions or absence from the city, may vote by absentee bal-

lot." The move to expand the availability of absentee ballots is aimed at increasing participation in city elections and making it easier for residents to vote.

Council took up for first reading a number of other changes in election procedures, including one to reduce the distance from the polling place to where electioneering activities can take place. The current law prohibits electioneering within 300 feet of the entrance or exit doors of polling places. This prohibition was adopted in 1991 to buffer voters from the multitude of candidate appeals as voters approached the polls.

According to the Board of Elections, however, that restriction now seems to limit unduly interactions and to make the elections less visible. Davis said she favored a compromise position of 150 feet and asked what councilmembers had heard from voters about this change. She said several people had spoken to her and most saw no problem with the change.

Councilmember Mach said the one person who spoke to her thought it should be 500 feet rather than 300. Other proposed changes in election procedures dealt with compensation for training of election clerks, candidate filing of campaign contributions and expense reports and the appointment of more clerks to deal with the expected increase in absentee ballots.

Fee Increases

Pass fees for the Aquatic and Fitness Center will increase by five percent beginning the day after Labor Day with a resolution passed by council. City Manager

Michael McLaughlin noted that pass fees were not raised last year. This increase was approved as part of the 2006 budget adoption earlier this year.

Other Business

Council considered establishing a fee for review of planning and zoning applications. There are considerable costs in staff time to review applications for new projects and Greenbelt, unlike other cities, has charged no fees for this review process. Herling asked where the money would go. Would it reimburse the city for the costs, he asked. Planning and Community Development Director Celia Craze said that the fees were minimal and would not cover costs but would help to reduce them.

The city prepared for a July 14 visit by Lt. Governor Michael Steele to Greenbelt and Berwyn Heights. The mayors will greet the Lt. Governor, then tour Roosevelt Center and get on the bus to look at some recent street crossing and pedestrian improvements as well as areas for development at Springhill Lake and Greenbelt Station. The tour will end in Berwyn Heights.

Council and city staff heard from University Square residents about the removal of refuse dumpsters in the complex. This move makes residents responsible for taking trash to a single, inconvenient location, which is especially difficult for disabled and some older residents. The city agreed to take up this issue with the apartment complex and try to resolve the situation. As a first step the city will send a letter to the complex management.

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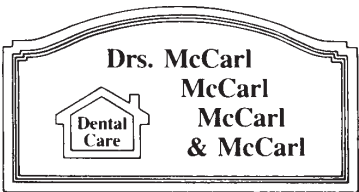
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# Former Residents Remember “A Happy Time”

by Joe Manning

“I had the most wonderful childhood. I thought we were the luckiest people in the world. I was never envious, because we all had about the same things. We all had Chevys and Plymouths and Fords. All the dads went to work early and came home at dinnertime. All the moms were home. We lived in a bubble. It was just not real.”

The nostalgic words of Fran Lapidus vividly reflect Rexford Tugwell’s utopian vision 70 years ago. Fran was born in Greenbelt in 1944, the second of two children of New York City natives Beulah and Elliott Bukzin. When they moved to Greenbelt in 1943, they unwittingly became part of an experiment in social engineering that for them would turn out to be, in Beulah’s words, “a happy time.”

Before they moved to Greenbelt the Bukzins lived in a basement apartment in Takoma Park. Elliott worked for the Bureau of Ships in D.C. and Beulah was pregnant with her first child. “I was thinking that Greenbelt would be nice for the baby. Elliott drove over and it was a pile of mud where they were going to put the houses. He was interviewed by a social worker. After Mitchell was born, we moved into a two-bedroom apartment at 11-F Hillside.

“It was all young people with little children. Everybody worked for the government. The men organized carpools right away. We had a babysitters club. I came out of New York where everybody I knew was Jewish but it never bothered me whether or not the other residents were Jewish. It was just the sweetest neighborhood.”

The Bukzins were very involved with Greenbelt’s Jewish community, especially when the Jewish Community Center (now Mishkah Torah) was built in the early 1950s. That was when Elliott was president of the Shul. “They called it ‘the building,’” says Beulah. “They’d say, ‘Are you going to the building?’ It took three years. At our first service, we had a visiting rabbi from the armed services. Then he moved to Greenbelt and became the rabbi and still kept his government job.”

Fran recalls: “Every single weekend, the men would work all day on the building until it got dark. They had to give up their handball and pinochle games. I brought them lemonade. They shared their expertise as electricians or plumbers and other things. My mother had family members that were in the textile business and they donated fabric for the draperies. Practically the whole town went to the first service. It was a real big deal, with a ribbon cutting.”

The family moved to 34-L Ridge just before Fran was born and then bought one of the new brick homes at 6-N Ridge six years later. Fran wasn’t pleased. “I missed the neighborhood. It was a long walk to go back there and there were no underpasses. When we were at 34-L, we were close to the maintenance road. My grandfather gave my brother a beautiful bicycle that had gears and went very fast and I remember trying to chase him in my little tricycle up and down that road.”

Beulah might view Fran’s



Beulah and Elliott Bukzin (1957)

move across town and her so-called long walk back to her neighborhood as hardly worth mentioning compared to the travels and struggles of her immigrant ancestors.

“My father was Irving Weiss. He was born in Bulgaria. He came to New York as a child around 1900. He ran away from home to go west when he was 14. He hopped a train with a friend and went out to see the Indians and whatever else they had there. When he came back, he joined the merchant marine.

“He finally became a salesman and he would go out into the countryside for different companies, start in Philadelphia and go all the way west and stop in the shops. He sold carpets and rugs. He was away a lot, sometimes two or three weeks, sometimes longer if things were going good.

“We lived in Brooklyn, but we moved a lot – all within Brooklyn, until I got older, when we lived in Chicago and Cleveland for a while. Then we moved back to New York. When I graduated from high school, I wanted to go to college, but it didn’t work out. The girls in my circle didn’t think about education. My mother didn’t either. Girls who went to college were girls their parents thought were not marriageable. They became teachers.”

Elliott and Beulah left Greenbelt and bought a house in Silver Spring in 1964, two years after Fran enrolled at the University of Maryland. Ten years later they moved to Florida. Elliott died four years ago and Beulah now lives in Williamstown, Mass., near Fran, who is married and is Associate Director of Admissions for Williams College.

Life in the Berkshires is 400 miles and several generations



Fran and Mitchell Bukzin sit on the front step of their Greenbelt home in 1949.

During their 21 years in Greenbelt, from 1943 to 1964, the Bukzins were active in many phases of the city’s life. Elliott served several terms on the Board of Directors of the Jewish Community Center and chaired various committees of the board, as well as serving as president of the Congregation in the late ’40s. When the decision was made for the members to build the synagogue themselves, he, together with Jack Ratzkin and Nat Shinderman, was a prime organizer in persuading and motivating the congregation to undertake this formidable project.

Beulah, too, was active in the Congregation’s Sisterhood and organized many fund raising activities and holiday observances. In addition, Elliott participated in civic affairs, serving on several city advisory committees and sharing his wisdom and experience as a professional management expert in the federal government with the city manager and the city council and mayor. His behind-the-scenes counsel and advice were of substantial benefit in the community’s decisions regarding land use and development.

He also was an initial advocate and organizer of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., which was formed amid great controversy in the early 1950s to enable the residents to purchase Greenbelt from the federal government. His management advice was often sought by the GHI board and managers and he served on several of GHI’s advisory committees as well.

– Harry Zubkoff

away from Fran’s old neighborhood.

“We were always outdoors playing but my children grew up here and had to make an appointment to go outside and play with their friends. In Greenbelt, as soon as dinner was over, there would be someone knocking at our door.”

Beulah adds: “Greenbelt was a happy time. The children were safe. There was something about not having to worry about your kids crossing the street and having enough kids to play with.”

For the Bukzins of Ridge Road, Greenbelt remains a big part of their lives. Fran’s eyes light up as she explains: “All my best friends today are Greenbelt girls. My mother’s dearest friends are still her Greenbelt girlfriends. Most of them moved to Florida about the same time. She had her mah-jongg gang down there. Some of them traveled north for our Bar Mitzvahs.

“Whenever I get together with other Greenbelt people, it’s just a bond that we have that is very special. I think we had sort of an unreal childhood, like we lived in Pleasantville. I knew who I was and there wasn’t any hindrance in doing the things that I wanted to do.

“I get to go back sometimes, because I visit high schools there for my admissions job. When I went back for my father’s memorial service, I showed my kids where I used to live. I couldn’t believe that ev-

# Yard Lines, Exceptions Discussed by GHI Board

by Mary Moien

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Board of Directors, met on July 14. Several topics were discussed including plats of member’s homes and yards; the review of member applications for special exceptions (that have been on hold for a number of months); a possible new committee devoted to studying sustainable energy; a report on the yard inspections; and a member survey.

## Yard Line Project

The issue of correct yard lines continues. At the June meeting it was agreed that the Ad Hoc Yardline Committee would survey some of the yard plats that are kept in binders at GHI offices. Plats are also found in members’ files. After the survey, it was determined that many of the plats in the binders were not current and/or did not have specific yard measurements. It was agreed that the plats have various uses for staff and may be accurate for those projects. Management decided to have staff review all of the plats both in the binders and in the files to try to produce copies of the most current and most accurate plats, i.e., those containing the most details, the actual yard line measurements, etc. The project is expected to take several weeks. This does not settle the question asked by a member as to whether the most current plat found will match the plat given to a member when they purchased their home.

## Special Exceptions

There has been a moratorium in GHI for a number of months of the review of requests for special exceptions. These exceptions involve designs for fences, privacy screens, sheds, rain barrels and an addition not on the approved lists. The Architecture and Environment (A&E) Committee is responsible for these reviews. It was agreed that the committee will devote part of each of its next three meetings to reviewing these requests and removing the backlog.

## Sustainable Energy

A number of GHI members have been meeting on-line and in person to informally discuss various heating options and

other issues about sustainable living. The group produced a brief Solar Summary report of previous investigations. Alice Mitchell spoke for the group indicating that they would like to become a formal committee. Much of their current activities have taken place on a Yahoo website. Julia Eichhorst, president of the board, and other board members were in agreement to move toward setting up an Ad Hoc Committee to Study 2005 Sustainable Designs. Although administrative work needs to be completed before setting up a new committee, members who may be interested in joining this committee should contact the manager’s office.

## Beautification

The first round of this year’s yard inspections was completed in mid-June. Chris Dwyer, the inspector, reported on progress to date. Among yard problems, he mentioned ivy, trash containers that need enclosing and dirty siding as among the most prevalent problems.

Dwyer indicated that he inspected each yard and that each yard is different and is a judgment call. He indicated that only “a handful of yards are in really bad shape.” Director Chuck Hess questioned why only one home was cited for swale problems when he thought that was a serious problem. Dwyer responded that he is not a swale expert and only can look at yards and see how they look in general. Everyone seemed in agreement, however, that the yards and common areas are in much better condition than a few years ago.

## Member Survey

The GHI Communicator is the newsletter that is left at members’ doors. The board indicated that they were interested in surveying members to see if they read the newsletter and what they would like to see in the newsletter. A number of suggestions were received including asking questions through a GHI ad in the New Review to mounting a full-blown survey via mail. No final decision was reached.

# NAMI Support Group Meets

On Monday, July 25 from 1 to 3 p.m., a local support group of the National Association for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) will meet at the Riverdale Presbyterian Church, 6513 Queens Chapel Road, University Park. This regular meeting on the fourth Monday of the month accomplishes the task of preparing mailings, while sharing experiences and listening to each other’s challenges and solutions. For more information, call Jerry Harvey at 301-572-7568.

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